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TECH WINS MEET.

Defeats Springfield Training School 5 to 4. Loring Wins All His Bouts.

Technology defeated the Springfield Training School Saturday evening at the Gym by a score of 5 to 4. Loring, '09, was the star of the evening, winning all of his bouts. The meet brought out the fact that Tech has a strong, well-balanced team. Coach Fournon said that the Springfield men were in good form and compared well with Harvard.

Tech started off well, winning the first three bouts with great ease. Lange, '09, then lost to Capt. Briggs, and with this start Springfield won four of the remaining five bouts. Three of the matches went for an extra bout before the judges could make a decision. The last match went two extra bouts and upon the judges failing to come to a decision the referee awarded the victory to Springfield. Captain Briggs was Springfield's best man, winning two bouts and losing to Loring only after a hard fight.

The Summary:

1. Lange, Tech, defeated Werner, S. T. S.
 2. Loring, Tech, defeated Briggs, S. T. S. (Extra bout required for decision.)
 3. Bounetheau, Tech, defeated Foster, S. T. S.
 4. Briggs, S. T. S., defeated Lange, Tech. (Extra bout required for decision.)
 5. Loring, Tech, defeated Foster, S. T. S. (Extra bout required for decision.)
 6. Werner, S. T. S., defeated Bounetheau, Tech.
 7. Foster, S. T. S., defeated Lange, Tech.
 8. Loring, Tech, defeated Werner, S. T. S.
 9. Briggs, S. T. S., defeated Bounetheau, Tech. (2 extra bouts required for decision.)
- Tech, 5; S. T. S., 4.

Officials: Referee, Sewall Cabot, B. A. A.; G. B. Trowbridge, and E. C. Huttman, Boston V.M.C.A.

BASKETBALL ITEMS.

The Basketball Team had some strange treatment at the hands of the New York Law School while on the recent New York trip. The game was played on a court in the slums which had a brick floor. The ceiling was only as high as that of an ordinary room, and the baskets so close to the ceiling that the ball could barely get into the basket. Moreover, if the ball touched the ceiling before going into the basket, the goal did not count. Three of the Law School team were not students at the school but were professional players.

Tech has two home games scheduled for this week and both of them promise to be fast. Wednesday Tufts will be met, and Saturday Brown. Each of these teams has been making a record this season. Tufts held the fast Yale team to a low score, and Brown has already won a victory from Tech. The Second Team will also play games at the Gym during the intermissions of the big games.

JEWISH ART.

Mr. Blackall Talks to Architects on the Development of the Modern Synagogue.

Jewish Art was the subject of an especially interesting lecture by Mr. C. H. Blackall before the Architectural Society Friday evening. This rather unfamiliar type of architecture was sketched by the speaker in a very instructive way and his talk was amply illustrated with lantern slides.

No adequate comprehension of Jewish art can be obtained without a knowledge of the people themselves and to this end Mr. Blackall traced the history of the race down to the present time. Throughout this history the dominant characteristics have been the religious intensity and the opposition to outside influences tending to make the race other than Jewish. This people at a period long before Christ, reached a state of mental and spiritual development far superior to that of Arab tribes of the same original stock today.

Jewish architecture has been expressed in one building, the Temple of Solomon. As this has been destroyed and most accounts of it are surrounded with a certain atmosphere of tradition and romance, the race may be said to have very little pronounced individual architecture. In fact the Jews were never artists or craftsmen in the real sense and their long years of submission to conquering races gave them no opportunity to develop individuality in this line. Consequently in designing Jewish work today the architect must search for the influences affecting Jewish development.

Mr. Blackall then showed many examples of Egyptian and Assyrian work which he studied in connection with his work on the synagogue on Commonwealth Avenue. Many restorations of Solomon's Temple were also illustrated. The Assyrians perhaps had the greatest influence on this building but the Moslem influence also has to be considered. In the former type the typical characteristic adopted was the pylon feature, in the latter the dome. Both of these have been carefully combined in Mr. Blackall's design. The essentially monotheistic religion of the Jews has also been well expressed. The result is a building contrasting sharply with most modern synagogues, which Mr. Blackall compared to Christian Science structures. The idea is to express the characteristics of the race and of its logical development. With a proper understanding of this purpose and of the difficulty of fulfilling it, the new synagogue may be more fully appreciated.

RADIO ACTIVITY.

A series of lectures on Radio Activity and the Conduction of Electricity Through Gases will be given by Prof. Cross on Monday afternoons at 4.10 in 22 Walker, beginning today. These lectures will be of a purely experimental character and there will be no examination. The series is open to second, third, and fourth year students.

FIRST CALL FOR CANDIDATES.

Meeting of Candidates for Tech Show at the Union Wednesday Afternoon.

There will be a meeting of all students interested in obtaining places in the Show at the Tech Union Wednesday of this week at four o'clock. It is important that all who desire a part shall be present at this time, for the plot of the play will be outlined and candidates will be given the usual opportunity to choose what parts they desire to try for. The names and addresses of all present will be taken. There is an unusually good dramatis personæ in the Show and several exceptionally desirable parts are available. The chorus, as heretofore, will afford a place for those whose inexperience makes them unavailable for principal parts.

TRAINER VS. PHYSICIAN.

John Mahan, Tech's instructor in athletics, takes issue with Dr. E. H. Nichols of Harvard on the latter's adverse criticism of the methods of the "trainer." In the current issue of the *Medical and Surgical Journal*, Dr. Nichols contributes an estimate of the professional trainer's theory of training, terming it the rule of thumb and the whole system, as it is executed, very indefinite, crude, and without scientific basis. Mr. Mahan ventures to point out the value of tact, intelligence, and experience in the handling of athletes, and presents his view of the wide differences between the work of the physician and that of the athletic director.

Mr. Mahan's statement, as published by the *Boston Herald*, is as follows:

"There is no accurate basis for training a man in athletics, and never can there be. Because there is no accurate rule there is no accurate method. The method must differ just as much as the men differ, and the difference must be the method. And when the difference is not the method, the result is failure. This is the only semblance which the training of an athlete has to the medical profession. The work of each is along two distinct lines of thought. One is the treatment of disease and the weak; the other a treatment of the well and the strong.

"The physician's profession is classified and mapped out and made a life's work for him. And the man who directs the work or the exercise or play of the healthy and strong should have his work classified, and made his life's work, and until this is done, there will continue to exist the great evil of hypocrisy, which now exists in the direction of our school and college athletics and sports.

"What type of man is the surest to reach the highest point of success either in the athletic director's or in the physician's profession? It is the man of tact and the man of genius and the man of instinct who is able to carry laws, but applied along very irregular lines—lines which must differ just as much as people differ. The law and rule applied to the case, whatever it may be, plus the mental

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CALENDAR.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11.

- 1.00 P.M. Meeting of THE TECH Board in 30 Rogers.
- 1.00 P.M. Junior Class Meeting in Huntington Hall.
- 4.00 P.M. Banjo Club and Mandolin Club Rehearsal in Rogers.
- 4.15 P.M. Glee Club Rehearsal at the Union.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12.

- 7.30 P.M. Dinner of the Boston Club of 1905 at the Technology Club.
- 8.00 P.M. Mechanical Engineering Society Smoker at the Union.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13.

- 4.00 P.M. Candidates for Tech Show meet at the Union.
- 8.00 P.M. Basketball, Tech vs. Tufts and Tech 2nd vs. Tufts 2nd at the Gym.

NOTICES.

Juniors.—A Junior Class meeting will be held in Huntington Hall today at 1 P.M.

Secretaries.—The Secretaries of all Institute Societies, professional, school, or otherwise, are requested to furnish a complete list of their members for insertion in *Technique* 1908. These lists may be left at the Cage for McGuigan '08.

Frat. Men.—All fraternity men from colleges other than Tech will oblige *Technique* '08, by leaving their names, college, and fraternity at the Cage for McGuigan '08.

1905 CLUB TO MEET.

The Boston Club of 1905 will hold its third monthly meeting and dinner at the Technology Club tomorrow evening at seven o'clock. From the acceptances already in it seems probable that at least eighteen or twenty men will attend. These monthly gatherings have been steadily gaining in popularity among the 1905 men around Boston and new men are continually being added to the list of members. Every '05 or ex-'05 man will be heartily welcome whether or not he is a formal member.

MR. GARRISON '91, TO SPEAK.

Mr. Charles Garrison '91, will address the Mechanical Engineering Society on Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock at the Union. Mr. Garrison's subject will be "The Steam Turbine" and he will illustrate his talk with a small wheel of the De Laval type. The usual business meeting will precede this talk and refreshments will be served. A very cordial invitation is extended to all Course II and X men in the class of 1909 to attend this meeting. Sophomores are now eligible to membership in the society and it is desired that they should become familiar with its purpose and position among Tech's activities.

At the first meeting of the National Society for the Promotion of Industrial Education, organized Nov. 16, Dr. Pritchett was elected president. The object of the society is to bring to public attention the importance of industrial education as a factor in the industrial and educational development of the United States.

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Realizing the narrowness of his outlook, a student should be very cautious in criticising the Faculty's choice of subjects in the various courses. Course III. However, since it is for the student's benefit that the school is run, and since it is the student's mind which is being trained, he is apt at times to try and do some thinking for himself. That he does not invariably arrive at the same conclusion as the Faculty is indeed unfortunate, and, without in any way questioning the correctness of that body's decisions, he sometimes wonders by what devious method they reached their conclusion. One question that comes up for undergraduate attention from time to time, and one which usually excites a passing interest, is why French is required in Course III.

This question is not put forward without premeditation. Certain members of the Faculty have been asked privately about it, and strange to say some of them are as much at a loss to know the reason as are the students themselves. The following are some of the reasons given for its retention, and a review of the light in which the students in general look upon them.

"General culture" is a favorite argument. Without entering into a discussion of French from the standpoint of its culture value, it can be said that the Institute is primarily an engineering school, and that questions should be considered from an engineering standpoint, leaving the decision as to whether a man wished to spend his time and money acquiring an engineering training or general culture largely to himself. As it is, a man who wants to get a degree is obliged to spend time which he would vastly prefer to give to professional work in the acquirement of a somewhat inefficient knowledge of a modern language which he probably will neither have the desire nor the opportunity to use.

It is to be granted that certain modern languages have a distinct

scientific value in some courses, such as German to the chemist, and French to the architect. The utility of French to a miner is a question, however. The mining industry in France is insignificant, and France has no province in which a mining engineer would be likely to feel the need of French. There are important mining journals written in German, but on the authority of a professor in the Geological Department none worthy of mention in French. The French do not, with a few notable exceptions, even stand high in that allied subject to mining engineering, namely chemistry.

The great plea, however, is not that French is useless, but that there is so much more that is of greater importance. The requirement of any foreign language is objected to by many, as is shown by the number of men who forego the honor of receiving a degree rather than conform with this and similar requirements, but if any language is to be required in Course III, it seems that it ought undoubtedly to be Spanish. In all of the important mining regions on the two American Continents where English is not spoken, Spanish is the universal tongue. Many of the graduates of the Institute go into these countries. The statistics of the distribution of graduates show that out of 143 graduates residing in foreign countries, 54 of them are in Spanish speaking countries. It is safe to say that a large percent of these foreign residing graduates are engaged in mining. Should not Spanish be substituted for French in the requirements of Course III?

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and physical construction of the man equals the answer.

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"And when you ask him the question of how much exercise he would give a man per day who was training for a football team the question has no answer, except the difference between men.

"When you ask an athletic director how he knows when a man is or is not at the highest point of efficiency for a competitive contest the answer is the same, the man and the difference.

"And when you ask the athletic director (or trainer, as he is often called) what is the best single indication of a man's condition there is no answer, because there is no single indication which can prove this.

"The question of good training food is a very simple one, because the construction of a man's digestive organs proves that he was made to eat about everything. However, the man's desire must control this particular law. And what his system craves for, speaks for itself through him alone. Regularity of eating, the control of quantity, as well as quality, is the limit of control of this important factor of life.

"Alcohol has no place in any form in the modern methods of training. False feelings from stimulants of any kind are sure to unbalance the relation between the physical and mental portions, and the result is always minus."

Wm. H. Cutler, '97, Course IV, junior member of the firm of Howe, Hoyt, and Cutler, architects in Kansas City, died on Monday, Jan. 7, after an illness of two weeks.

COMMUNICATION.

The Editors do not hold themselves responsible for opinions expressed by correspondents.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TECH:

In certain courses in Tech involving calculations, it is required that answers to the questions on examinations be correct to the figure, method counting for nothing. For instance, if a man on his examination paper solves every problem by the correct method, but unconsciously makes an arithmetical error in each solution his work would count for nothing and he would be required to repeat the course. It seems that the reason for repeating the course, in this case, would not be to acquire a greater knowledge of the subject in question, but it would be to acquire arithmetical accuracy. If we were to take an examination in arithmetic we must admit that accuracy in results should be demanded but when being examined on subjects where arithmetic is only subordinatedly involved, it seems absurd to state that a man knows nothing of the subject in which he is examined simply because in his correct method of solution, being pressed for time, he hastily wrote $9 \times 6 = 56$.

It has been argued on the other side that an engineer may require his assistant to solve a certain engineering problem within a very short time limit, and that in such a case accuracy is demanded. This is true provided such cases should arise, but they seldom, if ever, arise. In modern concerns today all work is checked no matter how rushed it is, and I know of many valuable men who are expert designers of machinery, etc. but who are poor arithmeticians. These men, however, are retained in engineering employ at large salaries because of their knowledge of method. It is commonly said in engineering departments that the man who never makes mistakes is a time killer, and to get rid of this waste of time employers throughout the country have men engaged in checking who look after the mistakes, while the designer is devoting his time to methods.

This is not a phrase in favor of arithmetical slovenliness, which

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COMMUNICATION.

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should so far as possible be avoided; but should a man occasionally fail to add his figures correctly it is no reason why we should set him down as a "know nothing" and require him to repeat a course when he already has sufficient knowledge of its details. Precision and Science are not synonymous terms.

JUNIOR RESCUES WOMAN.

The heroism of Robert Angell, a Tech boy, in a fire at 334 West Newton street last Thursday night, in all probability saved the life of Mrs. W. L. Strickland, who would have perished if Angell, failing the first time but succeeding the second, had not plunged into a flame-enveloped room on the top floor and brought the woman out.

The fire was caused by a lamp exploding. Mr. Strickland escaped clad in a dressing gown, went to the street, and was told that his wife was in one of the other suites.

Angell, from his room on the second floor, heard a woman's screams upstairs and ran up. Not daunted by the smoke and flame inside the room, which he saw through the open door, he went in and tried to find the woman. He had to retreat and look for a blanket or rug to shield his face. Finding nothing, but spurred to renewed effort by the increasing terror of Mrs. Strickland's screams, he went in again, and this time found her lying in a heap by a window. He carried her downstairs, where she was cared for.

Angell sustained severe burns on the hands and face. He is a junior at Tech and came from Fargo, N. D. The damage caused by the fire was \$1500. No other persons were burned.

Francis H. Silsbee, '74, superintendent of the Upper Pacific Mills, Lawrence, Mass., has been critically ill at the Lawrence General Hospital, where he underwent a serious operation. His condition now is favorable.

University of Pennsylvania men will meet at the annual dinner and reunion of the New England Alumni Society this evening at the Copley Square Hotel.

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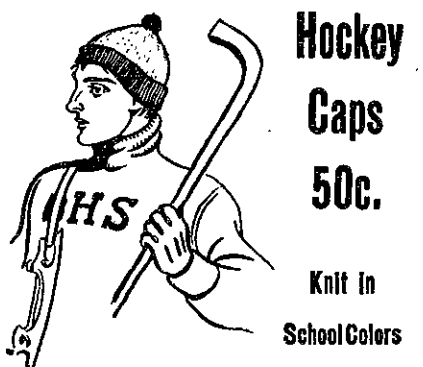
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